

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A playable surface, comprising:

a relatively hard flat substrate,

at least one layer arranged thereon of a resilient and/or damping material, and

a top layer arranged in turn thereon,

wherein permanent air chambers are formed in the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material during or after arranging of the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material,

wherein a profiled mat is arranged between the relatively hard substrate and the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material and over which the resilient and/or damping material is spread,

wherein the air chambers take the form of recesses in the lower part of the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material defined by the profile of the mat, the profile mat being manufactured from biologically degradable material or from a material with a lower melting point than the resilient and/or damping material.

16. (Withdrawn) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the permanent air chambers take the form of recesses in the upper part of the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

17. (Withdrawn) The surface as claimed in claim 16, wherein a profiled mat formed from a biologically degradable material or from a material with a lower melting point than the resilient and/or damping material is arranged on the layer of resilient and/or damping material, wherein the permanent air chambers are defined by the profile of the mat.

18. (Previously Presented) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the permanent air chambers comprise spaces formed by removing inclusions in the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

19. (Withdrawn) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the permanent air chambers comprise intermediate spaces between relatively large granules in the layer of resilient and/or damping material.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Withdrawn) The surface as claimed in claim 17, wherein heating wires are received in the mat.

22. (Previously Presented) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the top layer is a synthetic turf.

23. (Previously Presented) The surface as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a device connected to at least some of the permanent air chambers, for generating an air circulation therein.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein heating wires are received in the mat.

26. (Withdrawn) The surface as claimed in claim 16, wherein the recesses are created by a moving machine provided with protruding parts.

27. (Withdrawn) A playable surface, comprising a relatively hard substrate, at least one layer arranged thereon of a resilient and/or damping material, and a top layer arranged in turn thereon, wherein air chambers are formed in the relatively hard substrate during or after arrangement of the substrate, and the air chambers taking the form of recesses in the upper part of the relatively hard substrate created by a moving machine provided with protruding parts.

28. (New) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the air chambers are embedded only in the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material and not in the relatively hard substrate.

29. (New) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the air chambers are embedded in the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material such that they exist above a top surface of the relatively hard flat substrate.

30. (New) The surface as claimed in claim 15, wherein the air chambers are embedded in the at least one layer of resilient and/or damping material such that they vertically project from a top surface of the relatively hard flat substrate.

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